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## SHIPPING.

### ARRIVALS.

August 4. OCEAN, British steamer, 1,000. R. R. Brown, Saigon 31st July. General Tung Kee.

August 4. WINGSONG, British steamer, 1,613. A. De St. Croix, Calcutta via Singapore 29th July. General JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.

### DEPARTURES.

August 4. TATCHEW, British sloop, for Swatow. August 4. HUSS & OTTO, Nor. br., for Tientsin. August 4. THORON, German ship, for Saigon. August 4. ACTASACAO, Brit. sloop, for Yunnan.

### PASSENGERS.

Arrived. For WINGSONG, sloop, from Calcutta, &c. Mores, Cambod, and Mekong, and 102 Chinese. For OCEAN, sloop, from Saigon—78 Chinese.

### DEPARTURE.

Per Kuanlongtang, sloop, for Swatow.—Mr. John Andrew.

### REPORTS.

The British steamer WINGSONG reports moderate monsoon to 14° N., thence to Hongkong. Light winds and fine weather throughout.

The British steamer OCEAN reports left Saigon on the 31st ultime, and had moderate variable winds and fine weather throughout.

VEHICLES ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND M. NIA.

(For last Mail's Advice.)

St. Domingo (s.). Manila June 16. Amakura (s.). Hongkong June 20.

Morocco (s.). Yokohama June 24.

Glenelg (s.). Hankow June 27.

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.

(Corrected to Date.)

Jupiter Flushing Feb. 27.

Abbasabad Penang April 5.

Milford Plymouth April 16.

Storm King Penang April 24.

L. J. Morse Cardiff April 24.

Dartmouth London April 29.

Hydra Cardiff May 3.

Undine Cardiff May 5.

Merc. Societas (s.). Glasgow May 6.

Joe Rivers Cardiff May 7.

C. F. Sargent Penang May 11.

Monksdale (s.). Liverpool May 13.

Buddy Reed Cardiff May 15.

Dora Tully (s.). Antwerp May 21.

Johanna Hamburg May 25.

P. N. Blanchard Cardiff May 26.

Yhamara (s.). Gove via London August.

Hamburg May 27.

Y. J. Jones Cardiff May 29.

H.M.S. Firebrand Plymouth May 30.

John C. Munro London June 10.

Glamis Castle (s.). London June 12.

Observe Cardiff June 12.

Imberhorne (s.). Penang June 14.

Livingstone Hamburg June 17.

Commodore Cardiff June 18.

Ehrenfels (s.). Penang June 19.

Diamond (s.). Liverpool June 21.

Macmillan (s.). Liverpool June 22.

Norway (s.). Grecian June 23.

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Dated the 14th day of June, 1884.

A. D. BOYD DA SILVA.

S. MEYERS.

For N. S. MEYERS.

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COMMERCIAL JOURNAL FOR CHINA, JAPAN, &c. &c.

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Hongkong, 23rd May 1884.

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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 5TH, 1884.

CONSIDERING the depression prevailing in the shipping trade world over, the statement made by the Chairman to the shareholders of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited, at their annual meeting was, on the whole, of an encouraging character. Handels of steamers in Europe are going down, and the rates of freight are so low in many parts as not to pay for working expenses. In a review of the trade of the first half of the current year *The Times* thus refers to the shipping trade:—"The condition of the shipping trade has become decidedly worse during the past six months, as was generally expected, and it does not seem likely that anything can happen to improve it for many months to come. Shippers, even the more numerous among them, have now quite made up their minds to the fact that they will have to run most vessels at very small profit, and a few at a positive loss, until the superabundance of steamshipping, which is now depressing the freight market, has gradually disappeared by the action of natural causes." Even if combinations among shippers for the purpose of keeping part of their fleets in harbour were a remedy for the evil complained of, it is not a remedy that can be effectively applied first, because many companies and private owners are under contracts which would prevent their entering into such a combination; and secondly, because there are other owners who are disposed to fight for their own hand, and rely on hard work, economy, and good management for success." If therefore, the trade generally is in so wretched a condition, the directors of the Indo-China S. N. Co. are able to assure the shareholders that the business of the first four months of the present year shows a distinct improvement on that of last year, and it must be remembered a profit of £27,000 was earned in 1883—there is no ground for hoping that a dividend may be declared at the end of that演年。 Mr. Poos said he thought the Company ought at least to be doing as well as other concern in China. If that general looked carefully into the working of other shipping companies in China he would find, we imagine, that they were suffering quite as much from the depression of business which has prevailed here for the past two years as the Indo-China S. N. Company. The truth is the Company, as the Chairman said at the meeting, was unfortunate in commencing in bad times and has had an uphill fight of it, but the promoters had every reason to hope for a good and remunerative business. The China Coast Steam Navigation Company, one of the companies taken over, had been doing remarkably well, and its shares stood at 40 premium when purchased. The Yangtze Company had also done a good business; and the Calcutta line was known to be yielding a profit. This being the case, it was reasonable to expect that the amalgamation of three paying lines would yield profitable results. There was competition, strong and certain, to be faced, but the competition existed before the formation of the Indo-China Company, and with good management there was then no reason to fear it would be less successful than the China Coast Steam Navigation Company. It is trying to share the shareholders, after expecting such different results, to have the disappointment of two years' working yielding no dividend, but no one can control events, and few persons had the prescience to foresee the sudden and disastrous decline of trade all over the world which has set in. There is nothing for it but patience, and whether those who deserve that virtue will be rewarded by seeing the stock of this large and important shipping company go to a premium upon the revival of trade.

Mr. MACANEDREW successfully disposed of the one-sided and, we cannot help thinking, malicious attacks upon the promoters of Indo-China S. N. Company made some time ago in *Family Fair*. He refuted, and Mr. BULLELEY JOHNSON emphatically repeated, that the promoters got nothing for good-will. The sum paid—it seems large—was entirely to satisfy the various companies bought up. Mr. JOHNSON added that it had been a negotiation of great and protracted difficulty to obtain the assent of the China Coast S. N. Company to the sale of their shares at \$125, especially as it was arranged that the large shareholders took their payment entirely in the share of this Company, and this was also the case with the Yangtze Company. The Calcutta line had been fifty years in the hands of his firm, and not a farthing was charged for the goodwill of that business. The cost of the running steamer when bought he considered was put

very low, much lower, in fact, than he himself approved of; and the Company could not have acquired in the open market an equally good and efficient fleet for the same money." Here we have a positive assurance and disclaimer, which is of value, inasmuch as the great drawback to the Company in the eyes of investors has been the high price it has been so often urged was paid for the goodwill of the business. The remarks made by Mr. ANDERSON, a shareholder, at the extraordinary meeting are well worth perusal as expressive of the opinion of a gentleman of extended experience in the shipping trade. "In proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mr. ANDERSON said he was in the unhappy position of being able to sympathise in these bad times with the directors of the Indo-China Company. He had had fifty years' experience in shipping matters, during which periods of depression from time to time occurred, but he could remember no time in which the depression had been so great or so protracted. He quite understood the position of the Company, and how, under the circumstances, the anticipations of the prospects had not been realised." The Company have, however, a first-class fleet of steamers, able managers, a good connection, and when trade revives—as it must do when the existing political difficulties between France and China are settled—should be in a position to take full advantage of the opportunity offering.

The grubman *Levant* left here on Saturday for Singapore, not Sivatow as stated. The Eastern and Australian Steamship Company's steamer *Mars* left Sydney on the 1st inst., and is expected here on 23rd inst. The Eastern & Australian S. N. Co.'s steamer *Catterpillar* arrived at Sydney on the 2nd inst. and left Hongkong on 9th July.

Inspector Forbes of the Shanghai police force, and late of the Hongkong police, arrived here from the former port yesterday in charge of a prisoner who is to be handed over to the Netherland India authorities to undergo a sentence of penal servitude for life at Batavia. The prisoner is a Malay scoundrel, who failed in his attempt to get a passage to Europe. He has been ordered to duty on board of the steamer *Harford*. The Captain applied for one year's leave with a view of resigning at the end of the year. The department, however, declined to grant the request, as he had been away from his post for nearly two years. The *Scout* said the Captain had been ordered to duty on board of the steamer *Harford*. The Captain applied for one year's leave with a view of resigning at the end of the year. The department, however, declined to grant the request, as he had been away from his post for nearly two years. 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AT THE DOOR.  
My self-satisfied son—  
He left the door, so here's the lock—  
I let him, toddler comes to turn.  
My present's with tinsel-knock.  
My heart were stone it could withstand,  
The sweetness of my baby's play—  
That throned, baby knocking and—  
Please let me in—it's only me!  
I throw aside my unjoined book,  
Regardless of its tempting charms;  
And opening wide the door, I took,  
My laughing darling in my arms.  
Who knows but Eternity,  
I like a trusty child shall wait  
The glories of life to do.  
Beyond the Heavenly Father's gate  
All will that Heavenly Father had  
The trusty's supplication, ery,  
At this outer door I plead  
"No, I father only!"

EDWARD FIELD, in the Current.

## UP TO SNUFF.

We find Pierre Cotter, the eldest man in Indiana, has just gone from this world to another, at the ripe age of 115. This extremely long-lived scribbler has protracted existence mainly to the constant use of cayenne pepper. He must have been a rather eccentric individual, for it is narrated of him that he took it all snuff, and was in the habit of swallowing it by the spoonful! As a result of his snuff, he had been imagined to be a scoundrel in the course of his life, and up to the time of his death was quite able to do any ordinary man's work. A day came, however, when even cayenne paper lost its power. The old man, who had been born on the farm where he died, and who had seen the town around it spring into existence, asked for his snuff-box, took his pinch of paper, expressed a desire to look once more from the window on familiar scenes, looked and fell to the floor dead.

## CAPILLARY ROMANCE AND REALITY.

Two Russian noblemen and a favourite Parisian actress played the principal parts in a story which is going the rounds of the papers. Both of the Bayards were suitors for the fair lady's smiles, and both seemed to be equally esteemed by her. It would appear that in Russia, as well as in many other countries, a lock of hair is considered a signal pledge of the tender passion. Mademoiselle Alice glories in the possession of a "jewel ring," and would not part with one of them for less than a luscious. Her Russian admirers, the Count de L. and the Baron de M., both happen to have hair of the same golden hue as that of their mutualuke. Each begged a tress of her hair in exchange for a lock of his own, to which the charming creature readily assented, and without rousing a single tuff of her head cunningly managed to effect an exchange of parcels, by which each gentleman received a curl of his rival's capillaries. The count now wears "the baron's" hair next his heart, and the baron sleeps with the count's scalp-lock under his pillow.

## THE COURT CORRECTED.

Old Nell Patmore was elected Justice of the Peace. He could neither read nor write; but his friends assured him that such accomplishments were merely side issues. One day Jack Maine and the Commonwealth for false imprisonment. He employed excellent legal counsel, and every one thought he would surely gain his case. When the case came up for trial the Judge said:

"Young man, do you know what you want, your Honor?" said Maine's lawyer.

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"And we think, your Honor, that we are entitled to \$5,000 damages."

"We claim that Mr. Maine's imprisonment was false."

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"Yes, your Honor."

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"Yes, sir."

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